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 FROM: CAPTAIN LANG

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Colonel Schukraft, formerly head of Signal Intelligence Service, WDTS, has reported to SSU as Signal Officer and has taken over the Branch from Mr. Nero who continues as Special Assistant to Schukraft.

Things otherwise are moving a little faster than they have been for the past few weeks and while our relationship with State Department in the matter of the passing of their traffic over our circuits has not yet been completely ironed out, we expect to have a definite decision on this in the very near future. We are presently taking a position that our circuits have been available to State long enough and that they must seek other means for the transmission of their material. This, of course, applies chiefly to our circuits in Southeast Asia.

Colonel Swanson is just back and is being released from the Army and plans to go back to CBS. Captain William Harris, Signal Officer with the OSS's, has come into the branch and is working with Dean Cottwright and others in the department side of our work here. Captain Marshall, formerly of Ceylon, will probably be coming back with us as a civilian in this same section. Otherwise there have been very few staff changes. Major Taylor has been back from London for the last month, was married and is now about to return to London as Executive Officer for that mission.

We continue to receive pouches reports pertaining to Communications channels as requested some time ago and are very grateful for your continued interest in this problem.

Your reports and supplementary cables are carefully read and greatly appreciated.

While it is realized here that there is very little the Washington office can do to help you in your various assignments at this point, we do want to state again our wish to cooperate in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

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